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Applicant: Christine Aldrian
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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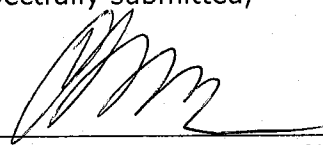
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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated November 3, 2008.

The Examiner requires that claims of either Group I (claims 1-4 and 11-22, drawn to a cartilage cell culture medium); Group II (claims 23-27, drawn to a method of culturing cartilage cells using the culture medium); or Group III (claim 28, drawn to a cartilage cell suspension in the culture medium) be elected for prosecution. Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-4 and 11-22). This election is made with traverse. Moreover, the applicant reserves the right of rejoinder of the non-elected claims.

Applicant also reserves the right to argue that the claims of the present application are patentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,617,159

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